Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—No, not specially for grazing.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—When there were other applications—here it is said that there were two—when they applied, was the sense of the people of the locality ascertained?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—That took place 20 years before. It was in 1083 or so.

President.—When the applications were granted, was it done after ascertaining the sense of the people? Do the records show that the people of the locality were consulted?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—All this took place in 1083. I cannot say what all took place at that time.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was that advertised and the sense of the people of the locality ascertained? How can we know the sense of the people outside?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I would refer the Member to *the Land Revenue Manual* according to which no Gazette advertisement or notification is necessary. A notice is published on the spot. The local bodies are shown this notice, and they will sign that. Local bodies and Panchayats and all these people will be consulted. That is the nature of the enquiry now conducted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Were these two applicants asked whether they required it or not? Were they consulted?

President.—It is now nearly 20 years. Are they alive now?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—We cannot say these things definitely.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is this Tampuran, the Special Palace Officer, who has recently gone to England?

President.—Yes.

Students and politics.

34. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether students are allowed to take part in politics;

(b) Was the Nambudiri Vidyalayam closed on the 17th Mithunam 1101, and if so, on what account?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) They are not.

(b) Yes; the circumstances in which the school was closed are contained in the Senior Inspector's remarks appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*)

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the Appendix it is said that it was a social meeting. The meeting was held to dis-

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cuss the Nambudiri Kudumba Bill which is in the hands of the Select Committee. Is that a political meeting or only a social one?

President.—They say it is a social meeting; and your point is that it is a political meeting.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—It was in the nature of a political meeting.

President.—You want to raise arguments to show that the fact that the meeting was convened for a social purpose is not correct. Is that not your point? Well, that is a matter for discussion. We are not to argue on those points. The answer was given. Probably, you may differ.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was not that meeting to discuss about the Nambudiri Kudumba Bill?

Mr. C. Matthai.—Well, the Inspecting Officer who gave sanction reported that he did it on the understanding that it was a purely social one.

President.—A further question asked is:—"Was it to discuss the merits of the Kudumba Bill?"

Mr. C. Matthai.—I do not suppose he understood it like that. I do not suppose that it was reported to the Inspecting Officer also. That is what I gather from the reply given here.

Strength in the Ittyera Memorial School, Poyya.

35. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state (i) the respective strength of class IV in the Ambooken Ittyera Memorial School (Poyya) during the past 3 years with the number that sat for the examination in different years;

(ii) the strength of the preparatory class (which enjoys no grant in-aid) and the number that sat for the examination in those three years?

Mr. C. Matthai.—

	Year.	1099.	1100.	1101
(i)	Strength	35	53	61
	Number examined	35	39	41
(ii)	Strength	Nil	17	13
	Number examined	Nil	16	13

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The strength of class IV was 53 in 1100, and the actual number that sat for the examination was 39 out of 53. In the next year 41 sat for the examination out of 61 in the aided school, and in the school in which there was no grant almost all the students sat for the examination. In the school in which no aid was given, there were 17 students, and 16 sat for the examination. In 1101 there were

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APPENDIX III.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 31.)

Statement.

			Rs.	As.	Ps.
1.	Towards conducting six Scout—masters' and Patrol Leaders' Training Camps	...	1,921	4	10
2.	Towards the purchase of sports materials	...	97	7	0
3.	Miscellaneous expenses incurred by the office, towards cooly, freight charges, etc., etc.	...	88	15	0
4.	Towards the purchase of books, periodicals, scarves, postage, badges, thanks medals, etc.	...	822	14	6
5.	Towards the cost of furniture	...	433	8	0
6.	Grants paid to Local and District Boy Scout Associations	...	1,031	0	0
7.	Towards the cost of printing, stationery, forms, etc.	...	481	2	9
8.	Towards expenses incurred on account of Attachamayam, H. H. the Maharaja's Birthday, Scout Week and other celebrations	...	1,201	8	4
9.	Towards the cost of Scout implements	...	98	7	10
10.	Towards the grant paid to *"Our Little Friend"*, a Scout monthly	...	50	0	0
11.	Pay of the establishment	...	680	8	0
12.	Towards the travelling allowance of Messrs. N. Sreedhara Menon, Camp Secretary, V. Ramanathan, the Coonoor Scouters and Scouts (also that paid for attending the Jamboree)		1,026	10	8
13.	T. A. of Mr. V. K. Krishna Menon	...	1,531	4	0
14.	T. A. of Scout Officer	...	148	2	0
15.	Towards the cost of typewriting machine	...	310	10	0
	Total	...	9,923	6	11

APPENDIX IV.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 34.)

Senior Inspector's remarks:—I was myself not in favour of closing the school for the purpose referred to, and sanction was accorded by me to close the school only after some correspondence (please vide my office file C. 6691 of 1101 enclosed).

In fact, the Secretary applied only for approval of his action in having closed the school on 17th Mithunam 1101, the next day. The closing was approved on the understanding that the meeting was a purely social one.

Still I had warned the Secretary to be more careful in future in matters like this.

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